

OUR REF: MSM/ DBR

23rd September 2024

Dear parents and carers,

In two weeks' time we will be testing all year 7 students using standardised Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs). These tests are nothing for your child to be worried or alarmed about and nothing that your child can revise or prepare for. It is suggested that you think of them like an eye test; if you practice ahead of an eye test and memorise the card, your diagnosis may not be correct and valuable information may be missed.

All year 7 students will sit three tests in total over two weeks. These will test verbal, non-verbal, quantitative and spatial reasoning and help us to better understand your child's academic potential and whether they might need more support or challenge.

Attached to this letter is a timetable of when each class will sit their tests and some key questions and answers to provide further detail about the tests. All students will attend their lessons as normal in their usual rooms where they will take the tests on computers.

Kind regards,

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